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For: PROCESS FOR SEPARATING IMIDE COMPOUNDS

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

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Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as indicated hereinbelow and enter the Remarks which follow into the file of the application.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Cancel claims 17 and 19-35, without prejudice.

Amend the remaining claims to read:

B1 1.(amended) A process for preparing a reaction product which comprises the steps of  
reacting a substrate in the presence of an imide compound having an imide unit represented by the following formula (1):